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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Debra S Meislin

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4-6, 8-9, 12-14, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by McLellan.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hildebrand.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McLellan in view of Hanson.

McLellan discloses all of the claimed subject matter except for having an end with a square geometry. Hanson discloses an end with a hexagonal or square geometry. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to form the end of McLellan as square as such would have been an obvious equivalent as taught by Hanson.

6. Claims 9-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hildebrand in view of McLellan.

Hildebrand discloses all of the claimed subject matter except for having a kit. McLellan discloses that the tools may be in the form of a kit. See column 3, lines 9-12. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to form the device of Hildebrand in a kit to allow for the engagement of variously sized workpieces as taught by McLellan.

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hildebrand in view of Hanson.

Hildebrand discloses all of the claimed subject matter except for having an end with a square geometry. Hanson discloses an end with a hexagonal or square geometry. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to form the end of Hildebrand as square as such would have been an obvious equivalent as taught by Hanson.

8. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hildebrand in view of McLellan as applied above, in further view of Hanson.

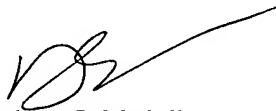
Hanson discloses an end with a hexagonal or square geometry. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to form the end of Hildebrand as square as such would have been an obvious equivalent as taught by Hanson.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Debra S Meislin whose telephone number is 703 308-3671. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, alt. Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 703 308-2687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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